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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Margaret BYWATER et al.

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Re: SEQUENCE-BASED MUTATION ANALYSIS OF NEOPLASTIC  
TISSUE FOR DIAGNOSIS OR PROGNOSIS OF THE  
NEOPLASIA

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 19, 1999

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 1, 1999, the due date having been extended for three month with the refiling of the application for continued prosecution under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) Applicants respectfully submit the following preliminary amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Twice Amended) A method for prognostication of the development of neoplasia and obtaining guidance for treatment in a patient having a neoplasia comprising:

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